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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 TRANSAMERICA LIFE
11 INSURANCE COMPANY,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 ANGELINA D. SLEE, et al.,

15 Defendants.

16 CASE NO. C19-1536JLR

17 ORDER OF REFERENCE

18 This action is assigned to the Honorable James L. Robart, United States District
19 Judge. All future documents filed in this case must bear the cause number
20 C19-1536JLR-DWC. The court has reviewed the files and records herein and determined
21 that certain pretrial matters are appropriate to refer to a Magistrate Judge as described
22 below.

23 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Rule MJR 3, the court hereby
24 refers to Magistrate Judge David W. Christel all motions related to discovery disputes,

1 including but not limited to motions to compel discovery, motions for a protective order
2 related to discovery, and motions related to issues of privilege. *See* 28 U.S.C.
3 § 636(b)(1)(A); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(a). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
4 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge David W. Christel's rulings concerning
5 the above-described discovery motions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a); Local Rules W.D.
6 Wash. MJR 3(b).

7 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) and Local Rule MJR 4, the court
8 also hereby refers to Magistrate Judge David W. Christel for preparation of a report and
9 recommendation all motions (1) for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Federal
10 Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b); (2) for judgment on the pleadings pursuant to Federal Rule
11 of Civil Procedure 12(c); (3) to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
12 12(b); and (4) for a default judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b).
13 *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR(a)(3). Federal Rule of Civil
14 Procedure 72(b) governs any further proceedings in this court after Magistrate Judge
15 David W. Christel files a report and recommendation. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); Local
16 Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 4(c).

17 Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the above-entitled action is referred to
18 Magistrate Judge David W. Christel for the specific purposes and types of motions

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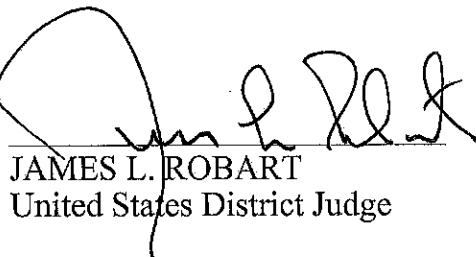
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1 described herein. The court further DIRECTS and EMPOWERS Magistrate Judge David
2 W. Christel to conduct hearings and make further necessary orders consistent with 28
3 U.S.C. § 636, the local rules, and this order.

4 Dated this 7th day of November, 2019.

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6 JAMES L. ROBART
7 United States District Judge
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